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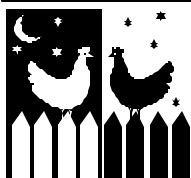
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Final majority prices were unchanged to higher in the Midwest, unchanged in the Northeast and West. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was mixed but generally fair for retail, fair to good for food service. Supplies of smaller sizes were adequate to well cleared, heavier sizes were at least adequate. In the parts structure, breast items were in close balanced to tight and well cleared. Wings were readily available and slow in clearing. Dark meat was sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05/14/01-05/19/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	53.00-55.00	53.53	16	57.54	27
Chicago	50.00-55.00	53.84	45	55.91	85
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	58.86	25
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	60.74	17
Denver	67.50	67.50	16	66.83	18
Detroit	52.00-55.00	53.65	17	57.28	58
Los Angeles	68.00	65.70	64	64.78	115
New York	51.00-53.00	52.30	23	57.26	55
Philadelphia	50.00-52.00	51.10	10	54.20	23
Pittsburgh	50.50-52.50	51.90	10	57.95	55
St. Louis	53.00-53.25	52.44	21	54.27	37
San Francisco	68.50	67.22	30	70.33	53

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	05/14/01	Change/Last Wk	05/07/01	05/15/00
568	59.95	0.85	59.10	56.03

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	57.00-62.00	61.37	42
Central	56.00-63.00	58.86	69
West	56.00-63.00	62.18	40

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	62.50-63.50	63.15	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG

LOADS	RANGE	FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,140	50.00-64.25	61.58

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	209.50	1,408
BREASTS - B/S	144.50	4,768
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.00	1,538
THIGH MEAT - B/S	97.50	770
LEG QUARTERS	29.00	9,648
WINGS	102.50	3,333

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS

Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was moderate, best for retail ads and promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in close balance and clearing well. Dark meat items were adequate. Wings were more than sufficient for the generally light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers ranged mostly fair to no better than moderate as dealers cautiously assessed the market entering the week. Offerings of the 2.5 pound birds were in the closest balance. The 3 pound sizes were about adequate and the 4 pound birds were slightly more available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were generally balanced with immediate needs, and dark meat cuts continued to clear well. Wings were at least adequate and increasingly available.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading for this week's deliveries on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices with new negotiations unchanged to higher. Offerings of small sizes adequate with heavy weights fully adequate to cover current needs. Retail demand, although decreased, was moderate overall. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend carryovers. Trade sentiment fully steady on breasts about steady on wings and generally steady on balance of parts. Trading reported on parts: leg quarters 29-31.5 bulk 32-32.5 4/10s, whole legs bone-in generally 50 boneless 89-91, breasts bone-in 82-89 boneless 140-147, thighs bone-in generally 48 boneless 97-98, drumsticks generally 38.5 and wings generally 90. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG averages was up 1.44 to 58.95 with the volume reported down 19 percent to 30 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged to higher from last Monday's final and TFEWR into Ohio. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings of additional product were sufficient for trade needs. Retail and food service demand was irregular, light to good, best into fast food promotions, catering and features. Floor stocks balanced to long with sizes desirable. Parts trading was light to fair overall. Supplies were generally balanced with whole breasts in close balance. The market tone was steady to firm on breast items, steady on dark meat items and steady to weak on wings.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to good through the weekend and was sufficient in keeping the bulk of offerings in good balance to well cleared. Fill-in orders were often limited to standing commitments. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate. Breast cuts were fully adequate. Legs, leg quarters and drums were in good balance and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	52-71
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.09
NO. OF BOXES	12,828

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was moderate to fairly good over the weekend as most locations saw good clearances, however, dealers were adopting a cautious and selective posture entering the week. Supplies of breast items were adequate to balanced with current call. Legs and leg quarters continued to clear well. Wings were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly fair to moderate with best movement noted where retailers were gearing up for scattered features. The market tone was steady to fully steady on breast items, legs and leg quarters. No better than steady on wings. ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	150.29	602,610
TENDERLOINS	135-140	144.60	148,440
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76	82.47	372,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	79.24	147,800
LEGS	40-41	44.71	260,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	30.24	615,871
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	43.43	169,560
THIGHS	37-38	44.30	134,760
B/S THIGHS	88-89	91.90	63,170
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	104.57	435,340
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.13	89,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	39.77	81,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.64	130,440

NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,209	130.00-135.00	-	133.39
TENDERLOINS	238	133.00-235.00	-	164.90
BREAST - WITH RIBS	100	76.00-83.00	-	79.90
FRONT HALVES	640	65.00-76.00	70-72	71.88
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED	-	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	409	25.00-27.00	25-26	25.44
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,671	28.00-29.00	28	28.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	153	90.00-101.00	98-101	97.34
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED	-	
THIGHS	1,763	32.00-39.00	34	33.94

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/14	05/10	05/10	05/07	05/03
ALA	4,022	3,957	4.96	3,912	5.09
ARK	5,266	4,863	4.95	5,156	4.89
DELMARVA	2,340	2,366	5.09	2,324	4.98
KY-LA-TN	2,038	1,939	4.54	2,015	4.49
MISS	2,865	2,883	4.98	2,803	5.09
NC	2,564	2,652	5.98	2,525	5.89
TEXAS	2,226	2,294	4.75	2,285	4.84
TOTAL	21,321	20,954	5.04	21,020	5.05
MON	21,321(A)			21,020(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-May 2001 is estimated to be 31,899,000 up 1.13 percent from a week ago and up 3.98 percent from a year ago.
(Last week 31,543,000, last year 30,679,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	735	125.00-220.00	145-150	145.97
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
BREAST - LINE RUN	91	74.00-80.00	74-76	78.97
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	130	40.00-48.00	41-43	41.54
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	460	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.35
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,532	27.00-30.00	28-30	28.68
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	99.00-103.00	100-102	101.81
WINGS (CUT)	598	113.00-123.00	115-117	117.64
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	46	93.00-97.00	-	96.13

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR MAY 14, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
49.00 - 54.00	51.43	51.87

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 14-MAY-2001 TO 18-MAY-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	130.00 - 155.00	135.00 - 145.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	74.00 - 92.00	76.00 - 81.00
LEGS	40.00 - 49.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	27.00 - 37.00	27.00 - 29.00
DRUMSTICKS	34.00 - 50.00	-
THIGHS	33.00 - 50.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	99.00 - 107.00	100.00 - 102.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 17.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-99
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-105
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	93-99
FROZEN DUCKS	139-154
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	84-86
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	102
	ICE PACK	94-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-121
	DRY PACK	123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	96
	DRY PACK	123
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

11-MAY-2001

CHICKEN

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	21.00	-	312,000	312,000
WTD AVERAGE	21.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.25-21.00	15.50-19.00	1,071,000	416,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.61	17.84		

15-20%				
RANGE	12.25-21.00	11.00-14.50	2,092,000	1,132,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.23	12.78		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

11-MAY-2001

CHICKEN

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

— PRICES ——— VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	16.00-17.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.50		

15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-19.00	11.00-14.00	3,041,600	2,184,800
WTD AVERAGE	17.57	12.66		

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLTR
WEEK OF 14-MAY-01

	CENTS/LB RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-12	8.75-9.5	9.37

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was only fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Finished product supplies were usually at least sufficient for full trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE
WEEK OF 14-MAY-01

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-10.5	8-9	8.67
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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